

Exhibit 6268 FIRE PREPAREDNESS STANDARDS FOR CDF FIRE CREWS (6200)

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1. Tool-up and Personnel Inspection:

- Fire crew will unload, tool-up and prepare for personnel inspection within two minutes from the command to "tool-up."
- The personnel inspection will consist of a visual inspection for proper and serviceable safety gear with fire tools maintained to CDF standards.
- Fire Crew Firefighters will be tested on 10 Standard Orders and 18 Situations That Shout Watch-Out.
- Selected individual Fire Crew Firefighters will be asked to scrape an area approximately 4 feet by 8 feet down to mineral soil and deploy their fire shelter within 75 seconds. Alternatively, the proctor(s) may elect to test the entire crew by asking for construction of a safety zone and full practice shelter deployment.

2. Hiking Exercise:

This is an exercise designed to evaluate the ability of a fire crew to make a well paced, organized hike over a predetermined course four miles in length. Crewmembers will hike in full safety gear and carry assigned fire tools. The maximum time allowed is 65 minutes with a minimum time of 55 minutes. (This is to reinforce pacing the crews for endurance and to eliminate "racing" on the course.) Alternative, but equal courses with commensurate maximum and minimum time standards may be adopted to compensate for variable terrain.

3. Line Construction:

Each fire crewmember will demonstrate the ability to construct fireline at the rate of 20 square yards per hour. This production rate should be adjusted for slope as appropriate. The crews to be evaluated will be given the task of cutting line 1-1/2 times the height of the fuel as per CDF standards. The proctor may assign a combination of scratch line and control line.

Fire Crew Preparedness-Fire Line Production Standards

	GRASS	MEDIUM BRUSH	HEAVY BRUSH
Line width	3 feet	6 feet	9 feet
Forward progress (per crew member)	60 feet	30 feet	20 feet
Forward progress (15 person crew)	900 feet	450 feet	300 feet

Note: For crew expectations, multiply the number of crewmembers times the forward progress.

PROCTORS SHOULD EXERCISE SOME JUDGEMENT IN CONSIDERATION OF LOCAL FACTORS AFFECTING CREW PRODUCTION. HOWEVER, IN GENERAL, FIRE CREWS NOT MEETING THESE PERFORMANCE CRITERIA SHOULD NOT BE CERTIFIED FOR FIRELINE ASSIGNMENTS.

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